

Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin



This Week's Program:

Tracy Vosburgh, VT University Relations

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District 7570

Club 5753

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Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. – Rotary Mission Statement



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Rotary Club of Blacksburg

(Club 5753)

Join us for Lunch!

Meets every Thursday at Noon

Blacksburg Country Club

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Join This Week's Online Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

Tracy Vosburgh, Senior Associate Vice President for University Relations at Virginia Tech.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87698966537?pwd=Ti9EcmlwT3ZRY2EyS2NULzR5a2FUUT09>

Meeting ID: 876 9896 6537 Password: 492135

About This Week's Program

Tracy Vosburgh joined Virginia Tech in September 2015 as the Senior Associate Vice President for University Relations. In this role, Tracy provides communication leadership for strategic university initiatives and serves as a member of the Senior Leadership Team for the Vice President for Advancement. She heads up Media Relations, College Communications, Development Communications, Television Productions, Publications, Web Communications, Trademarks and Licensing, and the public radio station serving Central and Southwest Virginia, WVTF. Tracy also serves as the university spokesperson.



Prior to joining Virginia Tech, Tracy was the Associate Vice President in the Office of the Vice President for University Communications at Cornell University, operationally leading the division and overseeing strategic communications.

Prior to joining Cornell, Tracy was the station manager for Penn State Public Broadcasting where she was in charge of broadcasting and production for WPSX-TV (PBS) and WPSU-FM (NPR) and head of Creative and Educational Services. She served as executive producer of the national PBS production Small Ball: A Little League Story, distributed in 2004, and served as production manager for the first Legendary Lighthouses series, distributed nationally by PBS in 1998.

Tracy has over 25 years of professional, creative and management experience in public television and documentary filmmaking and higher education. She was the production manager for WETA in Washington, D.C. for the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour. She has served as production manager and post-production supervisor for National Geographic Explorer and worked in production management at ABC/Kane Production for the ABC/World of Discovery series.

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Rotary's First Virtual Convention

Rotary's first-ever virtual convention attracted more than 60,000 registrants and 175,000 viewers during its weeklong program. The robust participation shows that Rotary members are finding ways to experience fellowship and fun, key parts of Rotary's annual international convention, despite the COVID-19 pandemic that forced the cancellation of the in-person convention planned for Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, this year.

The first general session was 20 June. Virtual attendees made nearly 19,000 chat comments during the 75-minute session, showing that members used the opportunity to engage and stay connected with each other.

RI President Mark Daniel Maloney acknowledged that canceling the convention in Honolulu was a difficult decision but said he was inspired by how members worldwide have stayed connected, adapted to their changing circumstances, and helped those in need during the crisis.

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The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do...

Is it the Truth?

Is it Fair to all concerned?

Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?

Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?



Club Leadership

President: Arthur Shaheen
President-Elect: T.J. Anthony
President-Nominee: Ken D'Amato
Secretary: Leslie Jester
Treasurer: Philip Walker



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Club: T.J. Anthony
Vocational: Chadd Yeatts
Community: Susan Erickson
International: Peter Weimerskirch
Youth: Karen Stemen



District and Global

RI President: Holger Knaack
District Governor: Nancy Whitlock
Area 9 Governor: Cora Gnegy
District Secretary: Ron Napier
District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



Letter from the President



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July 7, 2020

Members, Rotary Club of Blacksburg
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Dear Fellow Members:

I hope that you and yours are well. I feel so fortunate to be a member of a Club such as ours where we can associate as colleagues and engage in positive activities all toward a higher purpose. We have been blessed.

Notwithstanding the efforts of our most active Rotarians to find ways to meet and do our work, the machinery has slowed. Our signature fundraising activities, such as the Chocolate Festival, have been put on hold. Given the pandemic, this is not surprising, and Rotary is reflective of society at large. Yet, it is during times like these that organizations like Rotary can shine the brightest. I am asking that every member join me in donating \$110.00 to the "Local Foundation" by July 31 to establish a 110% FUND. I am sure together we can find some worthy recipients of our generosity right now!

The Board of Directors is meeting on July 14 to consider among other things a good time to resume "in-person" meetings. July 16 is too soon to vote on, plan and implement required legal and other criteria, but we are hoping that a **July 23** date would be time enough. So, I am asking everyone to make *tentative* plans for a **reunion meeting**, probably at Wong Park, for July 23, where we will have box lunches and a festive program. Each Member's health is paramount, so we cannot do this unless we are all prepared to comply with the appropriate safeguards. If you wish to attend, you will be required to sign a legal liability waiver. More on this later!

Thank you and best wishes.

Yours in Rotary,

Arthur V. Shaheen, President



Adios Rocio!

We loved having you as our exchange student!
Come back and visit us!





Recent Books donated to MFRL

Dr. Noelle Bissell

Vivian Lee, *The Long Fix: Solving America's Health Care Crisis with Strategies That Work* (2020).

Mr. Kevin Byrd

Susan Vaught, *Together We Grow* (2020).

Dr. Bill Flattery

Margaret Rey, *Curious George Goes to the Hospital* (1966).

Mr. Eric Gatenholm

Edward Brooke-Hitching, *The Sky Atlas : the Greatest Maps, Myths and Discoveries of the Universe*

Dr. Mark Mear

Diane Ravitch, *Slaying Goliath : the Passionate Resistance to Privatization and the Fight to Save America's Public Schools* (2020).

Ms. Ferne Moschella

Chema Heras, *Grandparents* (2020).

Dr. Djavad Salehi-Isfahani

Adam Davidson, *The Passion Economy : The New Rules for Thriving in the Twenty-First Century* (2020).

Dr. Sudipta Sarangi

Binyamin Appelbaum, *The Economists' Hour: False Prophets, Free Markets, and the Fracture of Society* (2019).

Dr. Sharon Scott

George Steinmetz, *The Human Planet : Earth at the Dawn of the Anthropocene* (2020).

Mr. Marc Verniel

Andrea Griffing Zimmerman, *Smashy Town* (2020).

Ms. Tracy Vosburgh

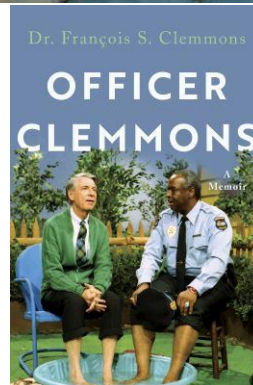
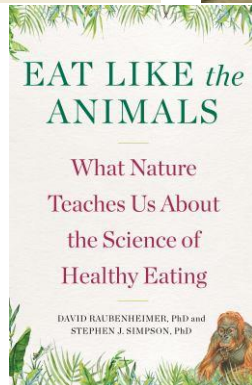
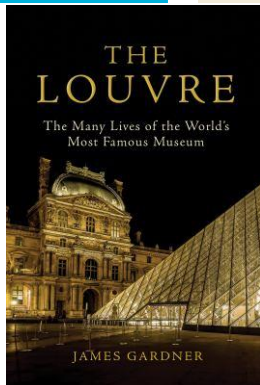
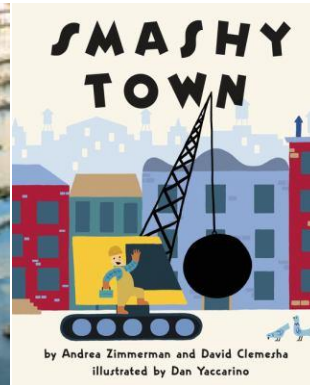
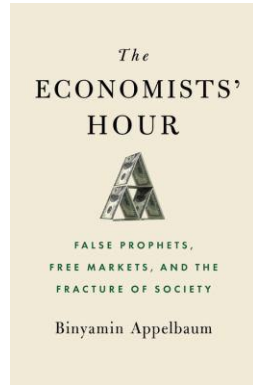
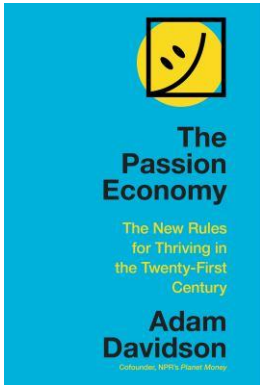
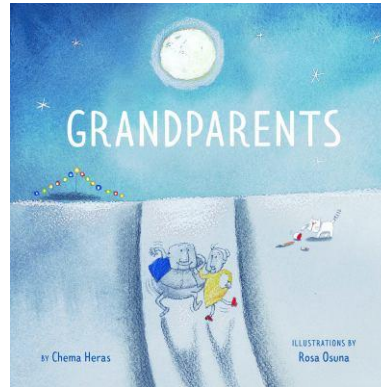
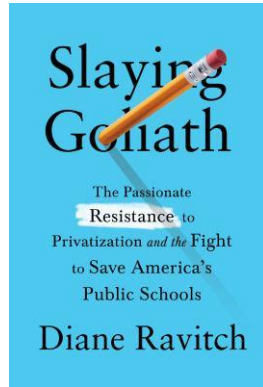
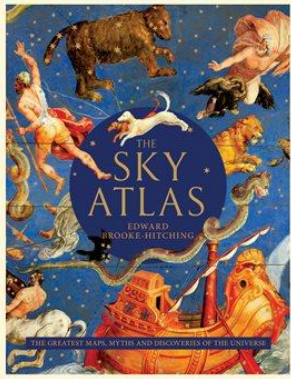
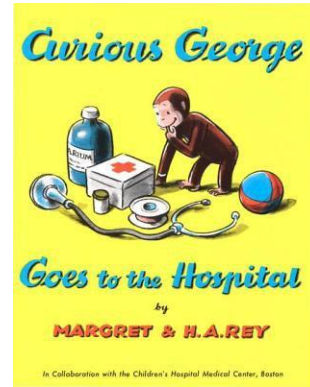
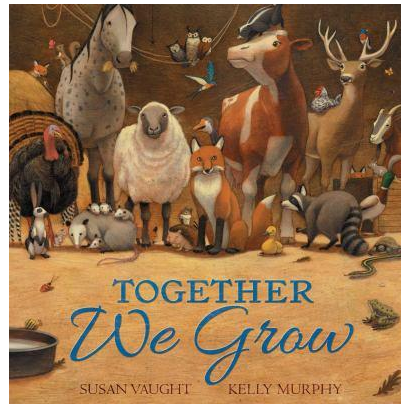
James Gardner, *The Louvre : the many lives of the world's most famous museum* (2020)

Mr. Jordan Wicks

David Raubenheimer, *Eat Like The Animals: What Nature Teaches Us About the Science of Healthy Eating* (2020).

Chief Anthony Wilson

François Clemmons, *Officer Clemmons : a Memoir* (2020).





Calendar

July 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Satellite Club	8	9 	10 Jeff Mitchell	11
12	13 Mike Snyder	14	15	16 	17	18 Jamie McReynolds
19 Jeffrey Wynn	20 Doug Smartt	21 Satellite Club	22 Leanne Benedict	23 	24	25
26	27 Colin Gibb	28	29 Arthur Shaheen	30 	31	

Upcoming Programs and Events

July 16th – John Skelton

July 23rd – TBD

July 30th – TBD

Need a Make-Up?

Montgomery County

Inn at Virginia Tech – Wednesday, 7:15 AM

Christiansburg-Blacksburg

Blacksburg Country Club, Monday 5:30 PM

Floyd

Floyd Country Store, Wednesday Noon

Radford

Best Western Radford Inn, Wednesday Noon
Kuhn Barnett School Building, Tuesday 5:30 PM

Salem

Salem Civic Center, Thursday Noon

Pulaski

Pulaski CC of Thornsprings, Monday 12:15 PM

Giles

Giles Community Hospital, Thursday Noon